

FY24 TOXIC EXPOSURES RESEARCH PROGRAM (TERP) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FAQs

1. What's new for FY24?

- The TERP requires applications to address at least one Program Goal and at least one Topic Area. Focus Areas are no longer included within our Topic Areas.
- Preproposals are required and will undergo pre-application screening based on the criteria provided in the funding opportunities (see Section II.D.2.a.ii of the funding opportunities). Applicants **must** receive an invitation to submit a full application. Uninvited full application submissions will be rejected.
- To clarify the intent the FY24 TERP, the program has included guidance in all funding opportunities that outline specific areas that do NOT meet the intent of the FY24 TERP. Please refer to Section II.A.2 "FY24 TERP Guidance."

2. What are the deadlines for the FY24 applications?

- Pre-applications are due August 13, 2024.
- Invited applicants will be informed of their full application invitation status by September 23, 2024.
- Full applications are due November 7, 2024.
- Funding decisions will be made in March 2025 and applicants will be notified of their funding status shortly thereafter.

3. I am a postdoctoral fellow. Can I apply?

- For the Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA), independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) may be named as Principal Investigator (PI) on the application. Postdoctoral fellows are not considered independent investigators.
- For the Translational Research Award (TRA) and Clinical Trial Award (CTA), investigators must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) to be named as PI or Partnering PI(s) on the application.
- Please refer to Section II.C.1.b, "Principal Investigator," of the respective funding opportunity for full PI eligibility requirements.

4. How do I know which funding opportunity/award mechanism option to submit to?

It is the responsibility of the applicant to carefully review the funding opportunity requirements and, at the time of pre-application submission, select the funding opportunity and mechanism option that align with the scope of the proposed research.

5. Does my research area meet the intent of the FY24 TERP?

- Applications submitted to the FY24 TERP must address at least one Program Goal and at least one Topic Area, as described in Section II.A.1 of the funding opportunity.
- Applicants are also highly encouraged to review the FY24 TERP Guidance that outlines areas that do NOT meet the intent of the FY24 TERP, as outlined in Section II.A.2 of the funding opportunity.
- The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs TERP program staff do not provide individual/project specific guidance to applicants regarding the appropriateness of their research for the program and associated funding mechanisms.

6. Are there any military-related toxic exposures that the TERP is not interested in?

- The TERP defines military-related toxic exposures as exposures to known or unknown, naturally occurring or manmade substances associated with deployed, garrison, or other military-linked environments that result in adverse health effects. For the purposes of the TERP funding opportunities, exposures solely focused on environmental extremes are not considered military-related toxic exposures.
- Applicants must address the intent of the funding opportunity, as well as at least one FY24 Program Goal and at least one FY24 Topic Area.
- Research areas that the FY24 TERP is NOT interested in supporting are outlined in Section II.A.2, “FY24 TERP Guidance,” of all funding opportunities.

7. Can I submit a revised proposal after it was not recommended for funding?

A project can be submitted again after it was rejected as long as the new submission meets all of the requirements of the current funding opportunity. All submissions will be treated as new submissions. CDMRP does not have standing peer review panels. Therefore, your application will be reviewed by a different panel of reviewers.